From:	Elliott Badzin <e.badzin@fmpco.com>
To:	Ehud Barak <ehbarak1@gmail.com>
CC:	Marlys Badzin <Elmar22@aol.com>
Date:	Thu, 7/31/2014 8:30:38 AM
Subject:	Fwd: Acquaintance with our surrounding

We think of you, Nili and your family,,often....

Hope you are well

We are sure you have seen some of the articles below,,,but if you have not---

All our Best

Elliott and Marlys

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Bob Stein <rastein66@aol.com>
> **Date:** July 30, 2014 at 4:48:55 PM CDT
> **To:** Elliott & Marlys Badzin <e.badzin@fmpco.com>, Kip & Suzanne Knelman Family <kip@knelman.com>, Brooke Stein <stein.brooke@gmail.com>, Ben Stein <bstein36@gmail.com>, Pat Fallon <pat.fallon@fallon.com>, Mary Barrett <barrettmary@gmail.com>
> **Subject: Fwd: Acquaintance with our surrounding**
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> Interesting response from the SEAL pal I am headed to meet in Sturgis.
> Bob
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** Hershel Davis <hershefrog1@yahoo.com>
> > **Date:** July 29, 2014 at 3:57:56 PM CDT
> > **To:** Bob Stein <rastein66@aol.com>
> > **Subject: Re: Fwd: Acquaintance with our surrounding**
> > **Reply-To:** Hershel Davis <hershefrog1@yahoo.com>
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> > Great articles, thanks. There are a lot of Christians who will fight with the Jews or do what is necessary to protect them.
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On Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:32 PM, Bob Stein <rastein66@aol.com> wrote:

Hershel-
I thought you would find this interesting. From David HaLevy, an Israeli friend who was Sharon's Chief of Staff, a decorated tank commander and Time Magazine's Mideast correspondent during his career. Rambles some, but instructive. I have attached below it an Italian report he also sent to me.
Best,
Bob

-----Original Message-----
From: David HaLevy <david.halevy@gmail.com>
To: 'Bob Stein' <rastein66@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Jul 29, 2014 12:58 pm
Subject: RE: Acquaintance with our surrounding

Dear Bob.
Thanks for sending this to me.

Can't say I read it all, but four sure glanced it over.

Maybe because I was born here and maybe because I grew up seeing my Arab friends in the Old City of Jerusalem turn against me because there were riots in the city in 1946 (I was 4, 5), I have a different point-of-view.

Maybe because since I remember myself there were always weapons and guns in our home. And please don't forget, my parents were Ultra liberal on the edge of extreme Left. My grandmother although Prussian German served with War Minister Trotsky during the Revolution riding with him his Iron Train.

Yet, we always had weapons in our house in Jerusalem during 1946-8, weapons in our house in Tel Mond a village not far from Netanyah few miles away from the West Bank, I see matter differently.

We grew up fighting, clashing, shooting and learning to use guns. Kind of a modern Wild West but Doc Holiday and Billy the Kid were us. We never had any doubts about our right to live here, in peace or tranquility with our neighbors, but always driving to be the majority, the ones who rule.

Thus maybe we failed to understand the Holocaust. How come they walked to the execution lines without resistance? It took me years to learn how it happened and to find out that there was always resistance.

My life as an grown up was always around the military service. Please keep in mind that I served as a carrier officer three times; once, nine months after finishing Officers School (obligatory), second, three plus months during the War of Attrition (1970) fighting with Egyptians and Russians along the banks of the Suez Canal and after finishing more than six months of reserve duty

after the 1973 War, I returned to the Army for one year to turn the worst Tank regiment – into0 being the best. Between the age of seventeen when I enlisted and the age of forty eight when I was discharged from active reserve duty I served every year 3 months in active duty. Either training, or guarding or on missions.

Mikki had her share as Air Force officer in charge of an AF advanced Radar Station. Actually like many Israelis we first met during military service and married while at the University.

Since the torch has passed to the next generation: One kid served 4 years in a special ultra secret unit, second son just finished as reserve officer his term as Tank Battalion commander, and both daughters, both officers in Military Intelligence. Now the torch is being passed again, as our first granddaughter is serving as a Tank Gunnery trainer.
My family is a strange mix. We know that the family - Ha'Tzvi HaLevy – left Judea around the middle of the first century AD. Where to we can only guess, but they appeared in the Iberian peninsula around the 9th or 10th century. One member of this family was the mayor of Toledo during the 14th century. From Spain to Turkey, from Istanbul to Vienna and finally to Palestine during the 20th and 30 of the last century. They established Kibbutzim and Moshavim and also lived in Jerusalem like my father.

On my mother's side it is a much more complicated story as facts are shrouded in mystery. For sure I know that my Gran-grandfather owned the Farmer's bank in East Prussia while the family lived along the shores of the Baltic Sea between Konigsberg and Libau.

My grandmother was involved in some unknown activities that brought her to Georgia and Uzbekistan. She married a Jewish pharmacist in Baku, Azerbaijan and traveled with my mother to Persia as her sister married the Persian Chief of Staff or a top ranking general. She was involved in the Russian revolution, like many Jews, served with Trotsky and left the USSR after Lenin was shot. She stayed in Berlin until February 3, 1933 when she packed, gave the key to her apartment to her neighbor and told her to keep it until "the madman is ousted." She never set her foot on German soil again. She spoke, wrote and read 9 or 10 languages but Hebrew was not one of them.

Why am I telling you all this?

For one simple reason: There is a raison d'être for us being here.

For us fighting through history, losing people to Christianity, to Islam and to nothing, but for the few who stayed Jewish. Maybe not rushing to synagogue every day, maybe not praying every week, or even fasting on Yom Kippur. But we remained Jewish, which means -- you should love your brother/neighbor as much as you love yourself, this is Judaism. For this we went to the gallows, to the Concentration Camps, sold as slave by the Greek and Roman soldiers and always remained Jewish. Yet what is Judaism?

I believe this is the best definition:

It is a religion; It is a (collective) memory; It is a people-hood; It is a world of thought; It is a civilization. (Abba Eban)

And what is Israel?
Israel is an act of restoration, a reunion of Jews with their land, their language, and with their own people. (Abba Eban)

Thus, lets the Kerry's and the Obama's curse, let CNN and ABC and BBC show a one sided picture. Who cares? The Babylonians, the Assyrians, the Greek

and the Romans are long gone. Christianity is changing as we speak. It will happen to Islam. And in the meantime we shall suffer as always before.

So what else is new?
You can send this to your friends who complain or are worried.

Best, David.

David H. HaLevy david.halevy@gmail.com **Skype:dha-levy1**

Written by an Italian journalist yesterday. Worth reading

> Giuli Meotti, the writer, an Italian journalist with Il Foglio, writes a twice-weekly...More from this writer:
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> The people of Israel are valiant, going about their daily lives knowing that Muslim killers might explode a bomb or rocket in any public place at any time. Even more valiant are the Israeli soldiers, who are now fighting inside Gaza, house by house, spied on by cruel eyes, hated by old and young, targeted by beheaders, longed for by their families.
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> These lone Jews fighting in a long night hold the free world's destiny in their hands.
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> The world is burning with jealousy of Israel and what it achieved for its people in a mere 65 years. These stubborn Israeli Jews are alone - alone in resisting in a battle for all of us.
>
> It has been calculated that since the year of the founding of the state, more than 60,000 rockets have fallen on Israel. The Israelis are victimized and they are alone, abandoned by the world — now, just as then.
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> In the Second World War, hope didn't come from the Western avant garde, but from the Jews who rebelled against tyranny. The same is happening today. Open any Western newspaper and you will read about the trendy Israeli life under Hamas' rockets, life as usual, while the Arabs die. No mention of Israel as the most heavy bombed nation in the world. No mention of the trauma inflicted on two generations of Jewish children.

Israel is the first line of Western defense in the battle for non-Muslim survival and prosperity in the world. And now that the Jews are running for shelters and employing their brilliant Iron Dome, the world is burning with jealousy of Israel and what it achieved for its people in a mere 65 years.

For the UN, for the Christian bodies, for the White House, for the European Union, for the complacent public opinion and its journalistic sentinels, an independent Jewish State bearing the name “Israel,” with Jerusalem as its capital, a renewal of life in the land of the Bible, a vital Jewish people restored after 2,000 years to its own holy land, has raised unresolved questions and disturbing conclusions.

The Israelis are a very special people because they know how to live in the present and make this present worth living, while the West has drained its peoples' souls and made their lives meaningless, with only shallow-minded hedonism and materialism remaining. This is why Gentiles often hate the Jews.

The sagacious American author Eric Hoffer gave voice to the most tragic Holocaust-related 20th-century truth: "I have a premonition that will not leave me, as it goes with Israel so will it go with all of us". A peaceful and unique nation like Israel and its people have to resort to violent means to survive. My heart breaks for them.

From: Bob Stein [mailto:rastein66@aol.com?]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 7:33 PM
To: gadzick@adzick.com
Subject: Fwd: Acquaintence with our surrounding

This is true, thoughtful, prophetic, and, I suspect, at odds with the views of the majority of my fellow American Jews. Please read it for your own benefit.
Bob

From: mortharris@gmail.com
To: mortharris@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Acquaintence with our surrounding
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2014 10:17:08 -0500

Please read this as it was sent to me this morning from our relatives who live in Israel. Last night, on the CNN channel [yes, I was watching CNN because they were talking about Israel]the CNN political commentator was asked, "What should the US do in this situation?" his answer was, "The United States should put sanctions on Israel until they stop their aggression"
Now, please read the following!
Thank you,
Mort

From: shmueli [mailto:shmueli2@tzora.co.il?]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 12:41 AM
To: Mort Harris

Subject: FW: Acquaintance with our surrounding

It has taken me some days to write down something coherent… but this is how I feel tonight.

I feel like I weigh 500 pounds.
Everyone I know feels like they are walking through water.
And sad. We are all so very, very sad.
This is what I know right now, today:
The ugliness, the venom and sheer, violent hatred you are seeing in Paris, London, Berlin, LA, Boston, Denver…. this is just the beginning.
We Jews are the canaries in the coal mine for all of humanity. Today, they are throwing bricks at synagogues and smashing chairs and saying "Kill the Jews." Tomorrow it will be someone else.
Do the French really think these people will protect and safeguard the treasures of the Louvre?
Do Londoners really think these people will cherish the symbols of the British Empire?
Does anyone really think this is only about Israel and the disputed territories? Today it is Israel, tomorrow it will be you.
Maybe that is why everyone gets so disproportionately annoyed about this conflict. Because everyone knows after us it gets real personal…

Seeing these violent protests, hearing the sickening screams for death we Israelis understand better than ever we must fight for every square inch and with all we have.
It matters not how much better our military is, how much more precise our targets can be.
It only matters that when the smoke clears Hamas is disarmed, destroyed, disabled and defeated. Forever.
Hamas. NOT the people of Gaza. I feel so very sorry for them. Sorry they were misguided and elected these lunatics. Sorry that in their desperation they allowed Hamas to fill the empty bedrooms next to their children's room with rockets. Sorry that their leaders have mansions and swimming pools and are sitting in air conditioning in another city while they are sweating and wondering where the roof over their houses went. (If not their house itself.) Sorry that they have been brought up with no inkling of who Israelis are nor what compromise is.
Defeating Hamas will be a big problem for the power brokers because shame and honor are all that matter in this part of the world.
Honor in the Middle East does not come from whether your children are literate, how successful you are, how much money you make, how civilized your community is, nor how many paved roads you have, and whether or not you have garbage collection and recycling.
Here in this part of the world- for Hamas, honor comes from getting revenge.
For them revenge is everything.
For them revenge is the only thing.
Remember we left Gaza. *There was no blockade*. They were free to build a model democracy- the first successful shining, taste of the new, proud Palestine. But they didn't want that kind of success…
Fool me once, shame on you.

Fool me twice, shame on me.
We will not be fooled again.
We have nowhere else to go. And the rockets won't stop.
The folks in Ashkelon cannot shower, have a bowel movement, get more milk or walk a dog without wondering if they are taking their lives in their own hands.
There is another Gaza underneath Gaza.
Hamas could have built hundred of schools, paved thousands of roads, build hundreds of kindergartens with the cement and iron they have used to build these underground bunkers and tunnels.
(and you wondered why Israel put a blockade on bringing building supplies into the Gaza strip?)
These tunnels to hell are filled with ammunition.
And no women or children, not a single elderly person is brought to safety there.
They want them on the street- on the roof, standing right behind- nice and close to the terrorist firing the rocket.
Hamas has refused to let journalists out of Gaza.
Why?
They need them to take pictures and record the carefully staged piles of bloody children and women. If the journalists leave they have lost the vehicle for distributing their bloody ad campaign.
Hamas asked for a cease-fire.
And they broke it.
They break every single one.
Israel is setting up a massive field hospital to treat our enemies. From 8 pm on tonight there will be a working maternity ward, an operating theater…a working hospital. For… our enemies.
We are going to lose more boys. Last night we lost 13. With each day we are going to lose more.
But everyone here now understands this is a fight to the death. It is them or us.
They cannot compromise and they don't want peace or to share or to negotiate. They want revenge even if it means killing their own people.
So we have to go in there and do things none of us want to do, but we have to.
So this is why we are all so sad.
Israelis want peace so badly.
But we also desperately want to live. We love life and we are not about to let anyone, let alone a bunch of deranged thugs take it away from us.
So yes, this is a fight to the death for both sides.
Remember, if they win, you are next.
If we win those symbols of civilization that everyone takes so for granted will remain standing and everyone will criticize and complain about disproportionate responses and war crimes and all kinds of other irrelevant nonsense, but secretly I think everyone will be heaving s sigh of relief.

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